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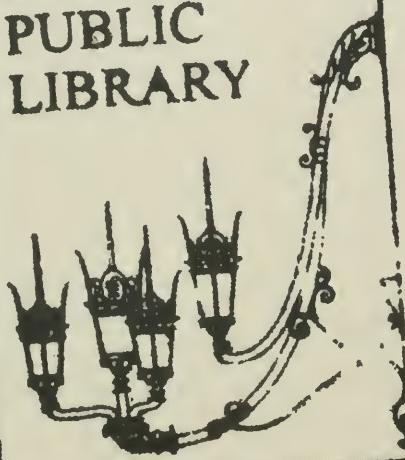
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## INTRODUCTION.

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THIS piece of historical knitting work was suggested one hot day last August by a strange but uncontrollable desire to recall the birthdays of my father, mother, brothers, and of the latter's children. The failure of memory to respond to such an unreasonable demand, and the reflection that, even if once learned, it would be a hopeless task to carry family data in one's head, when nephews are rapidly multiplying, inspired in me the joyful thought of printing our family record on a bit of card board, which could be carried around in the vest pocket and

studied like the catechism on Sundays, or amid my reveries as a bachelor, under the shade of an apple-tree of a summer's afternoon.

But with this cheering thought came the idea of registering the birthdays of my grandfathers as an incentive to living on through hot weather and to a good old age. Thinking of my grandfathers led me to meditate upon my great grandfathers, who for mere length of life ought to stand at the head of the list, like the patriarchs of old. There appeared to me an obvious advantage in beginning my genealogy with great grandfather Asa Adams, Sr., for I had never heard of his having any father. I had always thought him, like Melchizedek, "without father, without mother, without descent," \* but, in some mysterious way, as sprung from the soil of Shutesbury or possibly as transplanted from *New Salem*, a town hard by.

On my mother's side the case was different and by no means so easy to manage. Great grandfather Thomas Hastings had a father, and worse than that, a grandfather, and a long line of ancestors reaching back, not merely to the first settler, Deacon Thomas Hastings of Ipswich, who came over with the Puritans in 1634, but also far back into English history.

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\* Hebrews, vii., 3.

I had seen the printed "Hastings Memorial," and knew what an interminable record it was, with nothing fundamental in its genesis, like Asa Adams, Sr., or old Adam of all. But still there was one convenience in treating of my mother's family, which I was desirous of associating with the Adamses in my vest-pocket genealogy : the Hastings patriarchs, after the first settler, all bore the name of Thomas, and it would, therefore, be very easy to regard them as one genus and to record their dates in connection with the birthday of great great grandfather Thomas Hastings, who was the first of that name in Amherst and with whom I determined really to begin my own Hastings record, because Amherst adjoined Shutesbury and because through this proximity of towns the Adams and the Hastings families were ultimately allied.

This matter of tracing genealogies is, however, a will o' the wisp sort of inquiry. One is lured on and on, and never knows when to stop. When a man has inquired about his grandfathers, then he wants to know about his grandmothers ; and when he has found out about his grandmothers, then he sees in fancy his great grandmothers imploring recognition. And behind these come other shadowy faces, other ghostly pairs pressing up in a long line and repeating, "We too are your grandparents." And so the genealogist,

moved by a spirit of piety and fairness towards his ancestors, both male and female, takes down all their names and suffers wives and husbands to live on peaceably together in the thoughts of posterity.

But while determining to do justice to my Hastings ancestry as far back as I could trace them, I still adhered to my former notion of making great grandfather Thomas Hastings of Amherst a new point of departure in the history of the Hastings tribe. Abraham, son of Terah, had been called out from the land of the Chaldeans to found a new nation, and Lieutenant Thomas Hastings, son of Dr. Thomas Hastings, moved from Hatsfield over to Amherst. Now, thought I, if I can only find a great grandfather Adams to match the Hastings patriarch, I shall have two symmetrical and altogether satisfactory family trees. What was my joy one day at learning from my second cousin, Joseph H. Adams, of Hindley, that there was some account of the origin of the Adams tribe in a book called the \* History of the Ward Family, owned by Alden Adams, of Leverett, who himself had made quite a study of the Adams Genealogy. I soon visited

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\* "History of the Ward Family," by A. H. Ward; (published in Boston, 1851, by S. G. Drake, but now exceedingly rare). A copy is owned by Alden Adams of Leverett, and another by Horace Ward of Amherst.

Leverett and made my way to Alden Adams' house. Not finding him at home, I borrowed the book from his obliging wife, and hastened back to Amherst. My joy was full on finding that, after all, Asa Adams, Sr., had a father and that his name was Thomas. He was said to have been born about 1697, to have come over from England to Ashford, Connecticut about 1720, and to have removed to Amherst in 1737. "So, so!" said I, "The Adamses after all are not indigenous to Shutesbury, but came over from England, and once lived in Amherst!" The name Thomas afforded me further food for reflection. Thomas Adams of Amherst,—that sounds well, thought I, and will make a good companion name to Thomas Hastings. In an instant my mind was made up: I would write the History of the Thomas Adams and Thomas Hastings Families of Amherst, Massachusetts. Here were my two great great grandfathers and both of them had settled in the same town. Thomas Adams came over from England in person, and Thomas Hastings of Amherst came over in the person of his ancestor in the third degree, so both lines of my genealogy seemed to have been satisfactorily traced to their English origin. Things now appeared to be on a very sound historical basis, for, in the case of both families, I had got back to the first settler.

But as I proceeded to write out the genealogy of the Adams family, there came the haunting suspicion that, after all, Thomas Adams of Amherst was not the first settler of our line in this country. In examining for another purpose the manuscript collections of the late Sylvester Judd of Northampton, I had found many lists of names, copied from town and parish records in Connecticut, and had discovered that there were Adamses scattered all through that State as early as 1650. I knew, moreover, that there were very few emigrants to this country after the year 1640; from that time to the American Revolution, more persons returned to the old country than came to the new. Moreover, I had long been aware of the existence of various Adams families in the eastern part of Massachusetts, and, once on a time, had examined the New England Historical and Genealogical Register and Bond's Genealogies of Watertown in the hopes of finding the missing link which should connect the Adamses of Eastern and Western Massachusetts. I was now convinced, in the light of the fact that Connecticut was colonized from Eastern Massachusetts, that Thomas Adams of Ashford was the connecting link above mentioned. I determined to know more of him before rushing into print.

Meantime, I began to make more thorough work of my genealogical researches. I consulted grave-

stones and family Bibles and began to interview my cousins, aunts and uncles. Those whom I could not reach in person I addressed by postal card, and very soon abundant information began to pour in upon me. From the far West, I obtained tidings of Adams descendants there. The Hastings genealogy I completely revised, for I found several mistakes in the printed record. I inserted such new and interesting data about the Hastings family of doctors in Hatfield as I had learned from my reading of local history. In fact, I began to get enthusiastic over my work and wrote a little sketch of each ancestor, as complete as biblical and other returns would allow, and soon found that, on the Hastings side at least, I had a tolerably full record of all the patriarchs from the first settler, Deacon Thomas Hastings, of Ipswich, down to Thomas Hastings of Amherst. I began to be rather ashamed of the Adams patriarchs; there were so few of them, only one Thomas and two by the name of Asa. If "Old Tom," as I began now to call my revered great great grandfather Adams, would only explain himself, there might be some chance for an Adams pedigree by the side of that of Thomas Hastings.

One day in September (I believe it was "Cattle Show Day") Alden Adams of Leverett called upon me and wanted to know how I was getting on with

my genealogy. I told him it was all straight except "Old Tom;" I didn't believe Thomas Adams of Ashford was the first of our line to settle in this country. Alden Adams calmly informed me that he knew he was not, and that the statement in the "Ward Book" was a mistake which he himself had unwittingly made in furnishing data for the compiler of that volume. My informant further stated that he had heard from Sanford Adams, of West Brookfield, that the Thomas Adams in question was descended from the Adamses of Quiney, and that we were remotely related to the family of presidents. Here was a revelation, which, if true, would enable the Adams genealogy to rival that of the Hastings. Alden Adams said, moreover, that he had received sometime ago a letter from the aforesaid Sanford Adams, giving the links in the chain which bound the Adamses of Eastern and Western Massachusetts together. But unfortunately when I visited Leverett in order to get this letter, I found that it had been lost, but Alden Adams advised me to write to his West Brookfield correspondent and ascertain the missing links. And, in the course of time, I wrote. The following was the reply :

*West Brookfield Depot,*  
*Worcester Co., Mass., 29th Oct., 1879.* }

DEAR SIR.—Your postal card received. Henry Adams with seven sons came from Devonshire, Eng-

land, in 1630, to Quincy, then Braintree, Mass. Edward, one of seven, settled in Medfield, Mass. ; his son John in Medway, Mass. ; his son Thomas in Amherst, Mass. Joseph, another of the seven, settled in Braintree, Mass. ; his son Joseph in Braintree ; his son John in Braintree ; his son John, Express., in Braintree. Abraham (same generation as Thomas of Amherst) settled in Brookfield, was my great grandfather. Henry, Edward, John, Abraham, Eleazer, David, and

Yours very respectfully,

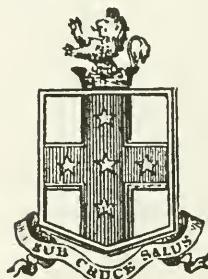
SANFORD ADAMS.

This pithy letter speaks for itself and throws much light on the beginnings of the Adams family in America. I made further inquiries of Sanford Adams and elicited many new facts. Among other things, I learned that he had in his possession a record of the Adams Family, dated May 2, 1798, and containing five generations, in all, one hundred and twenty-six names. This record was prepared by Elisha Adams of Medfield. David Adams, the father of Sanford, died last fall (Nov. 12, 1879), aged 91 years. "He had a wonderful memory," said his son in a letter to me. "He could tell the names, ages, &c., of many families of Adamses in Medfield, Quincy, and other places. Hon. Charles Adams, Jr., son of Dr. Charles Adams, Oakham, Mass., used to call and see him and copy this information, all of which he has in his possession.

When you come this way, you had better see Charles' records, which are very large, he having been to England when he was Treasurer for the State of Massachusetts. The records of Devonshire, England, he examined, and others back five hundred years."

After reading the above, I began to rejoice that I had not undertaken to write a History of the Adams Family, but only that of Thomas Adams of Amherst. Still, I thought it would afford my friends some satisfaction to know the result of my researches concerning Thomas Adams, the missing link, together with the exact line of continuity from Henry Adams, who settled in Braintree, now Quincy, Massachusetts, down to the aforesaid Thomas. I had not attempted to follow out the ramifications of the Hastings family, but had given only the patriarchal line of descent; thus much would I attempt to do for the Adams tribe of Western Massachusetts, who, for the most part, were doubtless not aware of their Eastern connections. If I could only get the dates of Thomas Adams and his Massachusetts ancestors, I thought I should be quite satisfied with the extent of my genealogical studies, and be ready to hand over my contributions to the future historian of the Adams race. But these dates I failed to get from Sanford Adams, and so I waited for something to turn up. In course of the winter, I received a letter

from a gentleman in Washington, D. C., with an interesting prefatory notice, printed exactly as follows :



RECORDS OF THE ADAMS FAMILY  
OF AMERICA,  
*Genealogical, Biographical and Historical.*

The above is the proposed title of a work now in course of preparation. The co-operation of all Adams families, and others interested and allied by marriage, is earnestly requested.

In forwarding copies of family records be careful to give full Christian names and exact dates of birth, marriage and death, so far as practicable.

*Address, NELSON D. ADAMS,  
U. S. General Land Office,  
Washington, D. C.*

Adams.

*Washington, D. C., Jan. 16, 1880.*  
PROF. H. B. ADAMS, Baltimore, Md.

DEAR SIR.—I have just learned, through a correspondent, that you are collecting genealogical material relative to the Adams family, on which I have devoted much time for the past three years. In its inception, my search was confined to the descendants of my own ancestor (George Adams of Watertown, Mass., 1645,) but, through correspondence and other sources, having obtained much outside of that branch, and believing, from accumulated data, that the early Adamses of New England were mostly, if not all, more or less nearly related, I finally determined to consider them as one family and to collect all I could without distinction. The result has been an extensive correspondence and a mass of material, relating to all branches. I have

also consulted and made extracts from all printed works which have come to my knowledge, as containing data on the subject, which could be found in the Library of Congress, besides others, which I have purchased. I shall be pleased to be advised as to which branch of the family you are interested in and as to the progress you have made, and to render such aid as I can, and have to request your coöperation on such branches as may not come within your line of search. Hoping that I may be favored with an early reply, I am

Very respectfully,  
NELSON D. ADAMS.

Of course I made haste to reply to this interesting communication from a man bearing the same initials to his name as my father and volunteering to aid me in my researches. Indeed, so impressed was I with the above offer and with the character of Mr. N. D. Adams' undertaking, that I immediately forwarded him my own manuscript, bidding him make use of any of it, or all of it, only begging him to fill out the dates of the Adams patriarchs of Thomas Adams' line and to correct any errors in my record. The answer I received was most courteous, and led the way to quite a correspondence. "I find," he said, "that I can add a little to your list of Thomas Adams' descendants as well as to his ancestors, and can also suggest some few corrections." A very considerable addition to the list of Thomas Adams' ancestors was made, as is clearly shown by the

sketch and record of "The Welch-English Ancestry of the Braintree Adams Family," which Mr. N. D. Adams sent me, and which I shall, further on, present to my readers.

I desire in this connection to express my indebtedness to Mr. N. D. Adams for his great kindness in furnishing me with the famous "Ap Adam Pedigree," and so much information concerning it; also for his courtesy in lending me the electrotype plate of the Adams coat of arms and in completing the record I had begun of the Massachusetts ancestors of Thomas Adams of Amherst. If it had not been for the above assistance, this record would not have been so early given to the press, for I should have been obliged to make vacation journeys to Quincy and Medfield, and other places, in search of data now entirely at my command. Mr. N. D. Adams has made a careful study of the History of the Adams Family in Eastern Massachusetts and elsewhere, and contemplates the publication, in the course of a few years of the Records of the Adams Family in America\* in several large volumes. Some

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\* There are already partial histories of various branches of the Adams Family. There is an Adams genealogy compiled by Thayer, (1835); one by Grace, (1841); one by Morse, (1857); one by Vinton, (1858); and a fifth by Adams, (1861). All these, except Grace's and Morse's, can be found in the Boston Public Library. (See Bulletin Boston Public Library, April, 1879.—Note on Genealogy.) The chief sources of genealogical information, concerning early New England

idea of the enormous labor in the task he has undertaken may be obtained from a consideration of this fact: there were at least ten first settlers in New England alone who bore the name of Adams, and when one reflects that the descendants of Henry Adams of Braintree are enough to fill one volume, one is amazed at the patient enterprise which could undertake a genealogical work on a still vaster scale. I am permitted by Mr. N. D. Adams to reprint the following list, which he has prepared for circulation among the Adamses of various families in the hope of obtaining further information of their descendants.

EARLIEST SETTLERS OF NEW ENGLAND,  
OF THE NAME ADAMS.

- 1 JOHN, came to Plymouth in the ship "Fortune," Nov. 11, 1621.

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families, are (1) Savage's Genealogical Dictionary, (2) the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, (3) Bowditch's Genealogies and History of Watertown.

It is hoped that sometime there will be published a complete History of the Henry Adams Family of Braintree, and it is with this hope that I print the following record of our western branch, not claiming any genealogical completeness or absolute infallibility, but presenting it simply as a report of progress. If this first attempt to collect together the scattered sons of Thomas Adams under one family tree should stimulate others to gather in children's children unto the third and fourth generation, I should greatly rejoice, for it is a goodly sight to see all the wide-spreading branches of one rugged parent stem.

- 2 HENRY,\* with eight sons, settled at Mt. Wollaston (Braintree) 1634.
- 3 WILLIAM,\* in Cambridge, 1635 removed to Ipswich† before 1642.
- 4 ROBERT,\* "tailor," Ipswich, 1635; Salem, 1638; Newbury, 1640.
- 5 RICHARD,\* Weymouth, 1635; a representative in 1637.
- 6 RICHARD, "bricklayer," Salem; came in the ship "Abigail," in 1635.
- 7 JEREMY,\* Braintree, 1632 (?); Cambridge, 1635; Hartford, 1636.
- 8 FERDINANDO, "shoemaker," from London, Dedham, 1637,
- 9 GEORGE,\* "a glover," Watertown, before 1645; removed to Lexington in 1664.
- 10 CHRISTOPHER, "mariner," Braintree, 1645; Kittery, Me., before 1668.

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\* Those designated by a star have been *supposed*, by some genealogists, to have been kinsmen, but *positive* evidence is wanting to sustain such an opinion, in my case.—*Note by N. D. Adams.*

† The genealogy of the Ipswich line of Adamses has been worked up by Prof. C. K. Adams, of the University of Michigan, and it will be incorporated into the History of the Adams Family, by Mr. N. D. Adams, at least, so I have been informed by Dr. Henry C. Adams, of Waterloo, Iowa, and late Fellow of Johns Hopkins University. Both he and Prof. C. K. Adams, and also the Adams sisters, of Baltimore, Md., are descended from the Ipswich stock.

## EARLY SETTLERS OF THE NAME IN VIRGINIA.

RALPH, Elizabeth City, 1623.—“Adams,” James Island, 1623.

ROBERT, Martin’s Hundred, 1624.

RICHARD, age 22, embarked for Virginia in the ship “Globe,” of London, Aug. 6, 1635.

Our Western Massachusetts branch, that of Thomas Adams, of Amherst, and also the family of the late Prof. C. B. Adams,\* of Amherst College, who moved into this town from Middlebury, Vt., are descended from Henry, on the above list, who with eight sons, settled at Mt. Wollaston, afterward Braintree, now Quincy, Mass. It is an occasion for congratulation that, amid so great a variety of first settlers bearing the Adams name in New England, we should so easily have hit upon the true progenitor of our line. I had once thought, from the occurrence of

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\* Professor Charles B. Adams came originally from Dorchester, Mass., but was called to Middlebury College, Vt. He was a graduate of Amherst College in the class of 1834; he stood at the head, and Henry Ward Beecher at the foot. Professor O. B. Adams became a very noted zoologist and left valuable collections for the cabinets of Amherst College. His widow and son Henry are still living in Amherst. An account of this family will appear in the future work of Mr. N. D. Adams.

The other family of Adamses living in Amherst, that of the formerly well known booksellers, J. S. & O. Adams, the first publishers of Webster’s Dictionary, came to this town from Middleton, Mass. Their father was the Rev. Solomon Adams, of Middleton.

such names as Nathaniel (my father's name) and Benjamin in the genealogy of the Adams Family of Watertown, that we were descended from George Adams, the ancestor of my Washington correspondent, but it is now perfectly clear that Thomas Adams, the "missing link," binds our family to the old Braintree or Quiney stock, which is descended from John, Lord Ap Adam of England, Baron of the Realm from 1296 to 1307. For the benefit of those who might be tempted to associate Ap Adam with the apes, I venture to explain, that the family is of Welsh origin, and that the prefix Ap signifies "the son of" Adam, just the same as Mc Donald means the son of Donald. The Adams name occurs also as Mc Adam, Macadam, and Adamson. The Welsh form of Ap Adam fell into disuse in the 15th century, being anglicized to Adams.

*Amherst, Mass., July 6, 1880.*

H. B. A.

THE WELSH-ENGLISH ANCESTRY  
OF THE  
BRAINTREE ADAMS FAMILY.

BY NELSON D. ADAMS.

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THE pedigree of the Adams family of Braintree, Mass., which follows, appeared in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register in January, 1853, Vol. VII., pp. 39-40, and has been the subject of much speculation among New England genealogists, as to its authenticity. It is not our intention to claim for this "pedigree" that which we can not now prove, viz: that it is absolutely correct, but as it has been regarded authentic by several noted

genealogists who have made a study of our family history and were connected with our family by marriage or maternal descent, viz : Messrs. Vinton, Drake, Shattuck, and Morse, all deceased, and is also regarded in that light by several now living, who also have made and are making a specialty of Adams genealogy, we deem an apology unnecessary for presenting this, to say the least, curious and apparently well authenticated document.

It is to be regretted that so few dates are included in the pedigree, and particularly those of births, as had they been supplied, in connection with places of residence, a verification of the pedigree might have been made, through parish, church, or other local records.

This pedigree professes to show a line of descent of sixteen generations from Ap Adam, father of John, Lord Ap Adam, who was summoned to Parliament from 1296 to 1307, as a Baron of the Realm. In order to approximate the periods of manhood of the descendants of the ancestor, we will suppose that he (Ap Adam) settled in England, when a young man, in the year 1250. Taking this as a starting point, we find that sixteen intervening periods of twenty-seven years each bring us down to the year 1682, in which the descendants of the seventeenth generation are said to have been living, and in order to more fully illustrate this approximation

we have added to our copy of the original pedigree the year, in small figures, opposite to the name of the representative of each generation.

The following extract from the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, before mentioned, precedes the pedigree which follows :

"PEDIGREE OF THE ADAMS FAMILY, ORIGINALLY  
LOCATED AT BRAINTREE, MASS.

(The following very ancient pedigree of the Adams family has been furnished by William Downing Bruce, Esq., F. S. A., and Cor. Mem. of N. E. H. G. Society, of the Middle Temple, London. His letter accompanying it, addressed to J. W. Thornton, Esq., is as follows :— 'No. 9 Victoria Square, London, Nov. 1st, 1851. Dear Sir: I have found what I consider of great interest to every American, the genealogy of John Adams, the second President of the United States. It is copied from an ancient parchment roll with arms, etc., of the time of Charles I., which I discovered among the papers of the late Edwin Hamlin Adams, M. P. for the county of Carmarthen, and it is now in possession of his son, Edward Adams, Esq., of Middleton Hall, in said county. Mr. Adams is a gentleman of great wealth and consequence in this county, and takes a great interest in genealogy.' Mr. Bruce is himself maternally descended from the Adams family.)"

## PEDIGREE OF ADAMS.

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ARMS.—Argent on a cross gules five mullets or.

CREST.—Out of a ducal coronet, or, a demi-lion affrontee gules.

<sup>1230</sup> Ap Adam <sup>1</sup>	came out of the Marches of Wales.	=	John, Lord Gourney of Beverston, County Gloucester.
<sup>1231</sup> Sir John Ap Adam, <sup>2</sup> Kt.,	Lord Ap Adam, (Baron of the Realm from 1296 to 1307.)	=	Elizabeth —
<sup>1232</sup> Sir Thomas Ap Adam <sup>3</sup> ,	Sir John Ap Adam, <sup>3</sup> William Ap Adam, <sup>3</sup> Sir Roger Ap Adam who married and had issue.	=	married and had issue. of Lancashire.
<sup>1233</sup> William Ap Adam <sup>4</sup> , who had a son,	<sup>1234</sup> Sir John Ap Adam <sup>5</sup> , who was the father of <sup>1235</sup> Thomas Ap Adam <sup>6</sup> = Jane, daughter and heiress of Sir John Guge.		
<sup>1236</sup> Sir John Ap Adam, Kt. <sup>7</sup>	= Milescent, dau. of Sir Matthew Besylls (?) Kt.		
<sup>1237</sup> Sir John Ap Adam, alias Adams <sup>8</sup>	= Clara, dau. and co-heir of Mr. Roger Powell. (After this the Ap came into disuse.)		
<sup>1466</sup> Roger Adams <sup>9</sup>	= Jane, daughter of — Ellyott.		
<sup>1493</sup> Thomas Adams <sup>10</sup>	= Marie, daughter of Mr. — Upton.		
<sup>1529</sup> John Adams <sup>11</sup>	= Jane, daughter of Mr. — Rennelegh		
<sup>1547</sup> John Adams <sup>12</sup>	= Catherine, daughter and heiress of Mr. — Stebbing.		
<sup>1574</sup> Nicholas, <sup>13</sup>	John <sup>13</sup> = Margerye,		George, <sup>13</sup>
<sup>1601</sup> Richard <sup>14</sup>	Margaret, dau. of Mr. — Armager. (sic cop.)		
<sup>1638</sup> Robert <sup>15</sup>	= Elizabeth Sharlow.	William <sup>15</sup> = —daughter of — Boringoton. (?) had issue.	
<sup>1652</sup> George <sup>16</sup> Lieut. in service of Charles I.	= —dau. of Mr. Conrad Streetholt, merch't, London. Died in Barbadoes in 1647.	HENRY <sup>16</sup> Died in Braintree, in New England, in 1646.	Ambrose, <sup>16</sup> had issue.
<sup>1682</sup> Conrad. <sup>17</sup> George. <sup>17</sup> John. <sup>17+</sup>	1682 Henry. <sup>17</sup> Sam— <sup>17</sup> Joseph. <sup>17</sup> —omas. <sup>17</sup> Peter. <sup>17</sup> Edward <sup>17</sup> II. 1680. II. 1680. II. 1680. II. 1680. II. 1680. II. 1682. § II. 1680. II. 1680.		John, <sup>16</sup> had issue.

\* In the upper part of a Gothic window on the southeast side of Tidmarsh Church, near Chopstow, Eng., the name "Jones Ab Adam, 1310," in old English, and Arms, as above, are still (1851) to be found beautifully executed in stained glass of great thickness, and in perfect preservation.—From Note of C. F. Adams, Jr.

† "Marches of Wales," i. e., Borders of Wales. "Lords of the Marches were noblemen, who, in times past, inhabited and secured the Marches of Wales and Scotland, ruling as if they were petty kings, with their private laws, which were abolished by Stat. 27, Hen. 8."—Phillips and Kersey.

‡ The three sons of George and six sons of Henry were living when the ancient parchment was drawn up. To the date, 1646, the year of Henry of Braintree's death, Mr. Bruce has this remark: "This note is in a later hand, say about 1680."

§ "1682" is presumed to be a misprint. It probably should be 1680, like the others of the 17th generation. "II." stands for living.



## NOTE.

IN regard to the foregoing pedigree, which carries back the history of the Henry Adams Family of Braintree over six hundred years, I have received the following further statement by letter from Mr. N. D. Adams :

" Some of the Boston genealogists have been inclined to doubt the authenticity of the document, but I am of the opinion that it is entitled to confidence, after having consulted several persons in whose opinions I have much faith. The genuineness of the pedigree is substantiated to some extent from the fact that there was a Conrad, George and John Adams living on Barbadoes in the year 1679, as I have ascertained from another source, and there is at the present time an estate in Barbadoes known as 'Adams Castle,' one of the oldest estates on that island, from which facts we are led to infer that, at least, the sons of George<sup>16</sup> (brother of Henry) were not myths. There was also an Ambrose Adams living in the town of St. Michaels, Barbadoes, in 1680. May this not have been Ambrose<sup>16</sup>? If so he was probably quite aged.

In reply to your question, I would say that you would probably discover no very important facts by examining the records of Braintree and Brookfield. I have the records of the families of each of Henry's eight sons, but as your book professes to be only a genealogy of the descendants of Thomas, I sent you only enough to show family connection with the ancestor; if, however, you desire further records, I shall be pleased to furnish you with them."

## PART I.

### THE THOMAS ADAMS FAMILY, OF AMHERST.

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#### I. HENRY ADAMS, of Braintree.

HE was the first settler of our line in this country and the ancestor of the Braintree and Thomas Adams Families. It was believed by John Quincy Adams that the above Henry came from Braintree, Essex County, England, about 1634. This is now the more approved view; it was formerly believed that he came from Devonshire, England, and President John Adams erected a monument in Quincy to his ancestor with an inscription to this effect: "In memory of Henry Adams, who took his flight from the Dragon persecution, in Devonshire, England, and alighted with eight sons near Mt. Wollaston. One of the sons returned to England, and after taking some time to explore the country four removed

to Medfield and the neighboring towns, two to Chelmsford. One only, Joseph, who lies here at his left hand, remained here; who was an original proprietor in the township of Braintree incorporated 1639." Henry Adams died in Braintree, Oct. 6, 1646. His wife was living at that time, but her name is unknown. Henry Adams had eight sons and one daughter, all born in England; only five sons, Peter, John, Joseph, Edward, and Samuel, and his daughter Ursula, are mentioned in Henry Adams' will.\* The following is the complete list of children:

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\* Will of HENRY ADAMS of Braintree, 1646.— "First, my will is, that my sonne *Peter* and *John*, and my dau. *Ursula*, shall have the ground in the Neck, both vpland and meddow, during the terme I was to enjoy it, vntill it returne into the townes hands againe from whom I had it. Also the Aker in the Mill feilds. My will is, that my booke shall be divided amongst all my Children; that my wife shall have and enjoy all my other Goods so longo as shoo liveth ymmarried. And if she marry, then my will is yt *Joseph*, *Edward*, and my dau. *Ursula*, should enjoy all my ground in the field that lyeth in the way to Waymouth ferry, and my house Lott, with all the houses and fruit trees, and all my moveables, at the death or marriage of my wife; Provided, they and their mother shall pay to my sonno *Samuel* that whch is due to him for the ground I bought of him, to be payd in Convenient tymo. But in case God should sou deal wth my wife that shes be constrainyd to make vse of something by way of Salo shes may.

Finally, for moveables, my will is, that my sonne *Peter* and *John* shall have an equall sharo wth my sonno *Joseph* and *Edward*, and my dau. *Ursula*.

S. 4. 1647.

INCREASE NOWELL, sec.

BENJAMIN ALLBE,

RICHARD BRACKETT.

This will I have copied from the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, for 1853, (Vol. VII., page 35.) II. B. A.

1. HENRY, born 1604, married Elizabeth Paine in 1643, removed to that part of Dedham which became Medfield, of which he was the first town clerk. He was a lieutenant of an artillery company, and was killed by the Indians in the second year of King Philip's war.

2. THOMAS, born 1612, married Mary Blackmore, removed to Concord, then to Chelmsford, where he died 1688.

3. SAMUEL, born 1617, married (1) Rebecca Graves, (2) Esther Sparhawk; resided in Concord, Charlestown, in 1654 removed to Chelmsford, and died 1666.

4. JONATHAN, born 1619, married (1) Elizabeth, (2) Mary; removed to Medfield.

5. PETER, born 1622, married Rachel; settled in Medfield.

6. JOHN, born 1624, married Ann; removed to Concord and afterwards to West Cambridge.

7. JOSEPH, born 1626, married Abigail Baxter, remained in Braintree, and was ancestor of the Braintree-Quincy line of Adamses. His son Joseph was the grandfather of President John Adams and great grandfather of John Quincy. Captain John Adams, a brother of the second Joseph, was grandfather of Samuel Adams of Revolutionary fame. Charles Francis Adams is son of President John Q. Adams and father of the John Quincy who has so

frequently been democratic candidate for the office of Governor of Massachusetts, also of Henry Adams, formerly Professor of History at Harvard College, of Charles Francis, Jr., and of Brooks Adams.

8. EDWARD, born 1630, married (1) Lydia, and settled in Medfield; she died March, 3, 1676. He married (2) Widow Abigail (Crafts) Ruggles, of Roxbury, and died Nov. 12, 1716. He was the grandfather of Thomas Adams of Amherst. See below.

9. URSULA, named in her father's will; nothing further known of her. It is refreshing, however, to find such a name among the Mehitables and Susannahs of our Puritan ancestry.

## II. EDWARD ADAMS, of Medfield.

Dr. Savage, in his Genealogical Dictionary of New England (I., 9), where considerable space is devoted to the Adams Family, says of the above: "He was much employed in public duties, ensign, selectman, for many years, representative in the two first General Courts 1689, after the overthrow of Andros, and died Nov. 12, 1716."

He had fourteen children, as follows, viz.:

1. LYDIA, born July 12, 1653. Married — Daniel.
2. JONATHAN, born April 4, 1655.

3. JOHN, born Feb. 18, 1657, remained in Medfield.
4. ELIASHEB, born Feb. 18, 1659, settled in Bristol, R. I.
5. SARAH, born May 29, 1660, married a Turner.
6. JAMES, born Jan. 4, 1662, settled in Burlington, R. I.
7. HENRY, born Oct. 29, 1663, settled in Canterbury, Ct.
8. MEHTABLE, born March 30, 1665, living unmarried in 1715.
9. ELISHA, born Aug. 25, 1666, died next month.
10. EDWARD, born June 28, 1668, settled in Bristol, R. I.
11. BETHIA, born April 12, 1671, died in a few days.
12. BETHIA (2d), born Aug. 18, 1672, died in a few days.
13. ABIGAIL, born June 25, 1675, died in infancy.
14. MIRIAM, born Feb. 26, 1676, died in infancy.

### III. JOIN ADAMS, of Medfield.

He married (1) Deborah —; (2) Susannah, resided in Medfield, where he had fourteen children born, as follows, viz.:

1. EDWARD, born 1682, said to have settled in Milton.

2. JOHN, born Dec. 22, 1684, resided in Medway.
3. DANIEL, born Jan. 12, 1686, resided in West Medway.
4. ELEAZER, born Sept. 22, 1687, resided in Medway.
5. OBADIAH, born Jan. 28, 1689, resided in Medway.
6. JONATHAN, born — — —, resided in Medway.
7. THOMAS, by 2d wife, born Feb. 5, 1695, removed to Ashford, Ct., then to Amherst.
8. SUSANNAH, born 1697.
9. JEREMIAH, born July 13, 1699, settled in Brookfield.
10. ABRAHAM, born Aug. 1, 1701.
11. BETHIAH, born 1702, married Timothy Stearns of Framingham.
12. PHINEAS, born May 19, 1705.
13. HANNAH, born 1707.
14. ESTHER, born — — .

#### IV. THOMAS ADAMS, of Amherst.

He was born Feb. 5, 1695, removed to Ashford, Ct., about 1720, and from thence to Amherst about 1737. He probably settled in the region of North Amherst "City," near Leverett. His son John was taxed in Amherst for owning a mill and a negro. The name of the wife of Thomas has not been found. She was a widow

in 1745 and her name was on the valuation list of Amherst from that year until December, 1751, inclusive. Thomas Adams was a tax-payer in 1740, as may be seen by the Book of Births, Marriages and Deaths, prior to 1843, preserved in the Office of the Town Clerk at Amherst. On this record appear the names of three daughters of Thomas: Sarah, admitted to the First Church, Jan. 20, 1754; Dorothy, admitted Dec. 1756; and Betty admitted Feb. 9, 1766. He had at least five sons, as follows:

1. ASA, born about 1728, married (1) Jan. 18, 1753, Sarah Dickinson, daughter of Dea. Ebenezer and Sarah (Kellogg) Dickinson, of Amherst; (2) as early as 1774, Grace Ward, born 1752, daughter Dea. Isaac Ward of Amherst and Leverett. She died in Shutesbury in 1827, aged 75, and he died in the same town, Feb. 15, 1826, aged 98. He was the father of Asa Adams, Jr., and grandfather of Nathaniel Dickinson Adams. For further account, see below, V.
2. ABNER, born 1730, married May 9, 1754, Dorothy Murray, born Aug. 11, 1729, daughter of Gen. William and Hannah (Dickinson) Murray of Amherst. They had two daughters, Naomi, who married Lewis Gilbert of Leverett, July 23, 1778, and Dorothy, baptized April 10, 1757; also two sons, Reuben, baptized July 8, 1770, and Thomas, who

lived to the age of 93 ; Reuben probably died early. Little is known of Abner, except that he became crazy in consequence of the loss of his wife and a child, and used to wander in the swamps in search of whip-poor-wills. He is remembered by Achsah (Adams) King, as brother to her grandfather, Asa Adams, Sr. Abner Adams appears on an Amherst tax list for 1770, and as late as 1792. He was admitted to the First Church Sept. 24, 1769.

3. NATHAN ADAMS, born 1735, married (1) a Miss Rood (Widow Rood of Sturbridge, Mass., was, in 1759, his mother-in-law) ; three children, (1) SARAH, born 1761 (married Bezabeel Wilden), (2) LEVI, born 1763, had nine sons, *Henry, Austin, Levi, Newell, Baxter, Bradley, Willard, Alden, Edward F.*, and one daughter, *Orenda*. (See footnote about Isaiah, brother of Nathan Adams). Henry, the oldest son of Levi, was living in Peru, Huron Co., Ohio, in 1873, aged 87 ; another son, Edward F., has promised Alden Adams to work up the record of Levi's sons ; (3) HANNAH, born 1766, (married Nathan Zuell). NATHAN ADAMS married (2) Sybil Ward, daughter of Dea. Isaac Ward, of Leverett. With her he lived sixty four years at Leverett, where they both died at the age of 97, he Jan. 1, 1832, and she Oct. 25, 1839. They had eight children, descendants of whom still live in Leverett :

1. ERASTUS, born Feb. 24, 1770, married Harriet Ainsworth; eight children, (1) *Nathan* born March 4, 1804, died 1838; (2) *Erastus Jr.*, born —, married (1) Lucinda Jameson, Oct. 10, 1827, who died 1831, leaving two children, William W., born Dec. 12, 1828, settled in Lincoln, Me., and Elvira born Dec. 28, 1830 (married C. F. Davis, of Mich., see Descendants of Asa Adams Jr., VI., 1.) ; *Erastus Jr.*, married (2) Octavia Cushman of Amherst, Aug. 15, 1834, and died Dec. 30, 1846; they had four children, Lucinda born Nov. 26, 1836, died July 4, 1843; Mary born Dec. 18, 1838, died July 5, 1843; II. Elizabeth born Feb. 12, 1841 (married James A. Gifford, Milo, Me., Dec. 24, 1862); Nancy born Dec. 20, 1843 (married R. A. Monroe, May 1, 1866 and died Jan. 16, 1877, six children); (3) *William W.*, born Oct. 22, 1808, became an M. D., and settled in Arkansas, married in Little Rock, Oct. 27, 1842, Elvira Cummings; (4) *Charles Marey*, born May 15, 1810, often spoken of as "Ensign Adams." died Jan. 25, 1835; (5) *Rufus* born April 1, 1813, married Ann Larnerd, 1838; children, Julia born 1839 (married Albert Pratt); Charles E., born 1841 (married Carrie Adams, Northfield, Ill., Aug. 12, 1865, who has borne him two children, Frank W., born in Evanston, Ill., Oct. 4, 1869 and Charles E. Jr., born Feb. 17, 1874); Louisa born 1843, (married Wm. Glazier); Marcus born 1844; Elvira

born 1846 (married Otis Dodge); (6) *Mary*, born July 18, 1816, (married S. S. Broad, of New York, and died 1840); (7) *Alden*,\* born Jan. 1, 1818, married May 3, 1842, Hannah R. Bartlett, born Jan. 23, 1818; three children, (1) *Mary L.*, born April 10, 1844 (married Edward F. Ingraham, six children, Isabel, born April 5, 1867, Edna, born Aug. 24, 1869, Mary, born Aug. 31, 1871, Frederic, born July 9, 1873, Nellie, born May 9, 1877, Estella, born Sept. 1, 1878); (2) *Austin W.*, born Oct. 9, 1846, (married Loretta J. Barber, Dec. 25, 1868, two children, Sybil L., born July 22, 1871, Hollis A. born Feb. 24, 1873); (3) *Herbert O.*, born Oct. 18, 1859; (8) *Louisa*, born July 18, 1819, married

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\* Alden Adams of Leverett is the only Adams west of Brookfield who has heretofore interested himself in tracing the genealogy of the Thomas Adams Family and to him the compiler of this record feels greatly indebted. It was a history of the Ward family, (owned by Alden Adams and to which he made the Adams contributions) that first put the author of this history on the track of Thomas Adams and gave the first decided impulse toward gathering a record of the latter's descendants. In this work, the author has been warmly seconded by Alden Adams, who furnished most of the above data concerning the offspring of Nathan Adams, also the chief facts about the family of John Adams, and other valuable information. Alden Adams has a great respect for the Ward Family and thinks that if there is any good in the Adams tribe, it is due to their intermarriage with the Wards. In the light of the early history of the Adams Family, now first given to our Western Massachusetts branch, it is to be hoped that our pioneer genealogist, Alden Adams, will be convinced of the respectability of his ancestry back of the three Adams brothers who married three Ward sisters!

J. S. Gilbert ; children, Ellen L., born May 3, 1839 (married Almon Cowles, 1859, daughter Stella, born 1860) ; Alden, born Sept., 1842, (married Minnie Bardwell.)

2. ELIPHALET, born 1772, married Mary Field of Leverett, 1795, both died 1813 ; three children, (1) *Hubbard*, who married Mary Conant of Leverett, who died aged 20 ; he died aged 33 ; (2) *Roswell* ; (3) *Louisa*, who married Daniel Dickinson of Amherst.

3. NATHAN, born 1775, died 1797.

4. BAXTER, born 1779, married Abigail Keith, 1805, and settled in Adams (Sackett's Harbor), N. Y. ; sons, *Eli*, *Baxter*, *De Fleury*, *Franklin*, *George*, and a daughter who married Silas Sawyer of New Buffalo, Mich.

5. LUCINDA, born 1781, married, 1802, Oliver Clapp of Amherst, father of *O. M. Clapp*, the antiquary and marble worker in East Amherst, and also father of *Eliza*, who married Dea. Nelson Rust (father of Horatio, Helen, and Elizabeth). Oliver Clapp, Sr., died in 1803, and Mrs. Clapp married Asahel Blodgett in 1812 ; children, *Eunice*, *Lucinda* (who married Silas Ward Adams), and *Theodore Blodgett*.

6. BETSEY, born 1783, married De Easting Salisbury of Adams, N. Y., in 1805, and died in 1844.

7. CAROLINE, born July 7, 1784, married Alpheus Field, of Leverett, in 1812; children, *De Easting Salisbury* (married Edith Crocker), *Caroline*, (married Stoughton D. Crocker), *Levi Alpheus* (who became a minister and married Nancy Holmes).

8. RANSOM, born July 7, 1790, married March 1, 1814, Dolly Keet, and died at Still Corner, Aug. 22, 1870. His wife, a bright, active old lady of 88, is still living (1880) on the old place at Leverett. Children of Ransom and Dolly Adams: (1) *Christopher C.*, born Sept. 20, 1814, married, (1) June 1, 1843, Harriet H. Hubbard, who died Jan. 20, 1857; (2) *Marcia A. Weeks*, June 9, 1859; children of Christopher, Israel II., born Sept. 3, 1844, died Jan. 22, 1845; William II., born Jan 6, 1847, died Oct. 22, 1868; Frederic F., born June 7, 1849, (married Oct. 3, 1878, Nettie Stetson, a young woman brought up in the family of Mrs. Harriet Hastings Adams, of East Amherst); Lizzie N., born Jan. 1, 1852; Ida M., born Aug. 30, 1854, died March 12, 1880; (2) *Maria*, born 1817, married Elisha Ingraham, May 12, 1841; children, Edward F., born Nov. 28, 1842; Lovina A., born May 14, 1844; Lizzie M., born July 6, 1846; Ella L., born March 25, 1848 (married Geo. E. Field, June 7, 1870); Mary A., born Feb. 20, 1850, (married William H. Smith, June 14, 1873); (3) *Caroline*, born 1819, married F. W. Field; (4)

*Dolly*, born 1821, died Dec. 16, 1868; (5) *Aurelia*, born 1824, married, Feb. 26, 1850, A. B. Strong, M. D., who died Sept. 7, 1852.

4. JOHN, married, Nov. 1764, Betsey Ward, of Leverett, born about 1740, died in 1837. He was living in Amherst as late as 1770, for his name appears on the Valuation List of that town as taxable for owning a mill and a negro. (See List at the end of M. F. Dickinson's Historical Address, delivered at the Centennial Celebration in Amherst, p. 44). John Adams finally moved away to the town of Rowe, in the north-western part of Massachusetts, near Hoosac Tunnel. He was the father of seven children, viz.:

1. ISAIAH, who married Nancy Brown, and for his second wife, Sally Kendrick.
2. SYBIL, who married Jonas Gleason, of Buckland.
3. BETSEY, who married the Rev. Edward Davenport, of Coleraine, and died about 1825.
4. ESTHER, who married Asa Kendrick, of Rowe.
5. ASENAUTH, baptized in the First Church of Amherst, Sept. 28, 1766; probably died early.
6. EUNICE, baptized in Amherst, May 14, 1769. Married Jonas Corbett. They removed to Whitingham, Vermont.

7. ASENATH, baptized in Amherst, May 12, 1771, married Artemas Rice, of Charlemont, and died in 1849.

5. ISAIAH,\* born 1725. He was on the Amherst Valuation list in 1770 and as late as 1792, died 1810.

6. SARAH, admitted to the First Church at Amherst, Jan. 20, 1754.

7. DOROTHY, admitted to the First Church at Amherst, Dec. 1756.

8. BETTY; admitted to the First Church at Amherst, Feb. 9, 1766.†

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\* This name does not appear in the list of Thomas' sons, as given in the History of the Ward family. The following letter was communicated to me by N. D. Adams, of Washington, D. C., and contains reference to Isaiah Adams. I have since ascertained his dates from Alden Adams. "Peru, Huron Co., Ohio, April 27, 1878. Sir:—Your letter was duly received. \* \* \* My ancestors were from Leverett, Mass. My Grandfather's name was Nathan. His brothers were Isaiah, Asa, Abner and John. Nathan's sons were Levi, Erastus, Elliphalet, Ransom and Baxter. I am the oldest son of Levi, (aged 87 years). \* \* \* My father's sons were named Henry, Austin, Levi, Nowell, Baxter, Bradley, Willard, Alden and Edward E., and one daughter, Orenda. \* \* \* Very respectfully, Henry Adams.

† The names of the three daughters of Thomas Adams have just been discovered in the Book of Births, Marriages and Deaths, prior to 1843, in Amherst. Into this book data from the Church Records have been copied. In addition to these names, there are mentioned an Enoch Adams, son of Oliver and Betsey Adams, born June 5, 1804, and a Silas Adams, of Dalton, designated as "Unknown," but said to have married Salome, daughter of Ebenezer Eastman, April 21, 1803. He was doubtless the son of Asa Adams, Sr., V., 6.

## V. ASA ADAMS.

The founder of the second generation in our line of descent from Thomas Adams, of Amherst, settled in Shutesbury, then called Roadtown, in 1759, having received from the original proprietors, who laid out a road from Lancaster to the Connecticut River, a grant of 124 acres of land in the southern corner of the town where Amherst, Pelham, and Shutesbury meet (see Proprietors' Book, page 52, now in possession of the town-clerk of Shutesbury, George Paull). Roadtown was settled from Lancaster, in Worcester County, about 1737. It was incorporated and named Shutesbury, in 1761, in honor of Lord Shute, a former Governor of Massachusetts. Although of noble origin, Shutesbury has never been known to fame, except perhaps for its high hills and fine views, its mineral springs and clear air, and the health and longevity of its inhabitants. Asa Adams did pioneer work in clearing the forests upon those hills, and there are traditions of his trapping and killing bears. The Adamses have always been fond of hunting. Little is known of the original Asa Adams, except that he ~~was~~ constable for his part of the town. He was married twice, the first time, Jan. 18, 1753, to Sarah Dicinson, of Amherst, who died March 23, 1776. According to the Shutesbury town records, the following children were born to Asa and Sarah Adams:

- (1) Thomas, born Oct. 1, 1754 ; (2) Abigail, born Oct. 26, 1755 ; (3) Sarah, born May 6, 1757 ; (4) Joanna, born Dec. 10, 1758, died Dec. 14, 1768 ; (5) Eunice, born Dec 26, 1760, died Dec. 9, 1768 : (6) Jerusha, born July 16, 1762, died Dec. 15, 1767 ; (7) Mary, born March 25, 1763.

The names of Abigail, Joanna and Mary appear in the Records of Baptism in the First Church at Amherst, where Asa Adams, Sr., probably attended meeting.

Asa Adams was married, the second time, to Grace Ward, of Leverett, about 1774. She was quite a cultivated woman for her times and was very fond of writing verses, some of which were printed and have been preserved by her descendants. It is a remarkable fact that three Adams brothers should have married three sisters by the name of Ward. Their names were Betsey, Sybil and Grace, daughters of Deacon Isaac Ward of Leverett, who went thither from Petersham, and Worcester, and who was of the third generation in descent from William Ward, who settled in Sudbury, Mass., 1639, and who was the ancestor of all the Wards in the country, some of whom became very famous, for example, Major Gen. Artemas Ward (see History of the Ward Family, p. 45—50). The Wards were a prolific race, a dozen children in one family being of no uncommon occurrence in their genealogy. There were 11 chil-

dren in Isaac Ward's family at Leverett. Another of the sisters, Susan, married Noah Dickinson, of Amherst, who was a good friend of Asa Adams, and who, like him, took a daughter of Dea. Ebenezer Dickinson for his first wife, whose daughter Mary married Hon. Ebenezer Mattoon. Twice, therefore, the two friends married sisters; but Susan Ward outlived "old Noah," and a second husband besides, and finally married another Dickinson. There must have been something very attractive about the Wards to thus captivate the Dickinsons as well as the Adamses. At any rate the three families were pretty well united. Grace Ward bore her husband six children, and died Jan. 26, 1823, aged 75. Asa Adams died Feb. 15, 1826, aged 98 years. Wife and husband lie side by side in a little grave-yard above Pratt Corner. Their children were:

1. ASA ADAMS, JR., born Feb. 13, 1778, married, Nov. 25, 1801, Clarissa Eastman, of North Amherst, (born Oct. 8, 1784), and continued the line of Shutesbury Adamses down to *Silas Ward* and *Nathaniel Dickinson Adams*, whose middle names are derived from the above-mentioned families. He died June 26, 1833.

2. ISAAC WARD, born in 1779, married a Webster and removed to Vernon, N. Y. They had children, Cornelia, Belina, Seymour, Silas. A son of the latter, by the name of Francis Eugene, graduated

at Amherst College in 1875, and is now practising law in Fulton, N. Y.

3. GRACE, born 1781, married Samuel Cady. They removed to New York and had one daughter, Grace.

4. JOANNA, baptized in the First Church at Amherst, June 2, 1782, married Pelatiah Kimball, Jr., of Windham, Ct., Nov. 19, 1794.

5. LUCY, baptized in Amherst June 2, 1782.

6. SILAS, born 1783, married Salome Eastman, and settled in Worthington, west of Chesterfield

7. JOSEPH, born July 8, 1791, married (1) Mary Davis, Feb.-15, 1817, who died May 1, 1823, and was the mother of his three children; (2) Luthera Bangs Wheeler, April 12, 1825, who died Nov. 30, 1851, and (3) Rebecca Crosby Edson, Aug. 3, 1853, who survived him and now lives in Hadley. Joseph Adams lived for many years in Shutesbury and carried on the lumber business, first with Asa Adams, Jr., and afterwards with the latter's two oldest sons, S. W., and N. D. Adams; but Joseph Adams finally removed to Hadley (Plainville) and founded the firm of Joseph Adams & Sons. Joseph Adams died April 16, 1865. He was a man widely known and greatly respected. He never withdrew from the Congregational church at East Amherst, with which the Adamses of Shutesbury have always

remained connected. Joseph Adams was the father of three sons: (1) *Benjamin*, born May 12, 1819, married April 22, 1841, Luther Bangs Wheeler, who bore him three children, Mary Davis, born Feb. 17, 1842, died July 29, 1843; Joseph Henry born Aug. 11, 1845, graduated at Amherst College, class of 1870; Charles Wheeler, born August 3, 1848; (2) *Levi*, born Nov. 6, 1820, married Mary Wheeler, of Hardwick, Mass., May 30, 1843, who bore him six children; Elizabeth, born April 12, 1844, married Thomas Winn, May 16, 1867; Mary born Dec. 7, 1845, married Charles Kellogg, of North Amherst, Dec. 23, 1868, (one son, Willie Adams Kellogg, born Nov. 22, 1869); Sarah, born Feb. 13, 1848, died July 31, 1849; Emma, born Jan. 15, 1850, died Jan. 19, 1878; Frank, born Jan. 17, 1853; Willie, born Sept. 13, 1861, died Aug. 28, 1865; (3) *Charles*, died March 23, 1823, aged one year (see grave stone in the yard above Pratt Corner, Shutesbury).

8. BENJAMIN, born 1792, went to Florida and married there. Thence he removed to Texas.

The names of Joanna, Asa, Isaac and Lucy appear in the Records of Baptism in the first Church at Amherst, as baptized on the same day, June 2, 1782. Joseph was baptized July 24, 1791, and Benjamin, April 23, 1793.

## VI. ASA ADAMS, JR.

For dates of birth and marriage, see V. (1). Asa Adams, Jr., built a new house by the road (the old house was back in the lot towards the barn), and became a prosperous farmer, for Shutesbury. He was Selectman in 1820 and Chairman of the Selectmen from 1824 to 1827. He died June 26, 1833, aged 55, and is buried beside his father, who died only seven years before him. His wife survived him thirty-seven years. She died Aug. 26, 1870, aged 86, and lies buried beside her husband. The only grave-stones in the little yard which bear inscriptions are those of Asa and Grace, Asa and Clarissa, and a few others of the name of Adams. The children of Asa and Clarissa Adams were as follows:

1. MARY, born July 26, 1803, married Joseph Davis, and died Oct. 22, 1846. She had eleven children: (1) *Charles F.*, born May 3, 1826, married, Aug. 28, 1850, Elvira, daughter of Erastus Adams, Jr., of Leverett, and now lives in Marshall, Mich., eight children: Herbert E., (graduated at the University of Mich., married Etta Hobart in Athens, Mich., May 15, 1878, one child, Bertha E., born Aug. 4, 1879; Herbert is now working for the Home Missionary Society and has organized a Presbyterian Church at Negaunee, Mich.) ; J. Elwyn, born Jan. 29, 1855; Cora A., born Oct. 19, 1856; Charles S., born Sept. 8, 1858, died Aug. 5,

1860; William S., born Jan. 2, 1863; Edward W., born March 13, 1864; Eugene C., born Aug. 1, 1868; Clara E., born Sept. 18, 1871, died July 3, 1873; (2) *Francis W.*, born Feb. 5, 1828, married, June 22, 1853, Emma Prentiss, in Cazenovia, N. Y., and lives in Marshall, Mich., two children: Mary E., born Sept. 16, 1854 (married, Sept. 12, 1877, Frank L. Henderson, Marshall, Mich., one child, Dora D., born April 8, 1879); Frank J., born Apr. 24, 1858; (3) *Clarissa E.*, b Jan. 29, 1830, married in Cazenovia, N. Y., James Adams, Nov. 16, 1858, one child, John D., b. March 9, 1860; (4) *Lucia M.*, born Dec. 18, 1831, married, April 1, 1858, Myron Tower, of Hadley, who died Dec. 19, 1860; she married again, Dec. 15, 1864, Sherman White, of Hadley, by whom she has had one child, Harriet E., born Feb. 3, 1867; (5) *Infant Son*, born March 12, 1833, died April 14, the same year; (6) *Ward Adams*, born Sept. 14, 1835, married (1) Licy S. Johnson, in Cazenovia, N. Y., Sept. 16, 1858, who bore him four children; Henry W., born July 4, 1859; Hattie I., born Sept. 9, 1861; William A., born March 7, 1865; Seymour H., born Oct. 3, 1867; she died June 18, 1872 and Ward married (2) Maria S. Jones, in Meridian, N. Y.; Jan. 31, 1877; (7) *Dwight H.*, born May 16, 1837, married, March 11, 1858, Fannie Marvin, of Lysander, N. Y., who bore him three children: Mary E., born Oct.

18, 1859 ; Lucia S., born Nov. 3, 1862 ; Charles F., born March 15, 1864 ; (8) *William H.*, born Sept. 5, 1839, married, March 5, 1867, Esther E. Smith, in Lysander, N. Y., lives in Tekonshier, Mich., one child, George W., born Aug. 4, 1871 ; (9) *Seymour W.*, born Nov. 8, 1841, served in the war, died Oct. 30, 1862 ; (10) *J. Harlan*, born April 24, 1844, married Emma Dean, in Tekonshier, Mich., Oct. 22, 1873, two children : Clara E., born Dec. 24, 1874 ; Russell H., born June 10, 1878 ; (11) *John E.*, born Oct. 6, 1846, married Lucy A. Boies, in Hadley, Mass., Sept 5, 1876, lives in Van Buren, N. Y., two children : Homer W., born Oct. 24, 1877 ; George H., born Nov. 16, 1878.

2. *JOANNA*, born March 30, 1805, married Oct. 6, 1825, Park Warner, of Granby. She had eight children : (1) *Austin*, born Aug 13, 1826, died Oct. 19, 1844 ; (2) *Sarah*, born March 2, 1828, died March March 3, 1828 ; (3) *Charles Adams*, born Sept. 5, 1829, married Kate Knight, of South Hadley, Sept. 2, 1851, died at Chaska, Minn., Oct. 24, 1867 ; (4) *George*, born Jan. 22, 1835, lives in Springfield ; (5) *Lucian*, born Feb. 22, 1837, married Nov. 18, 1858, and lives in St. Paul, Miun. ; (6) *Mary Jane*, born Dec. 8, 1841, married Clinton Stebbins, of Granby, Oct. 2, 1866, died March 13, 1868 ; (7) *Ella Maria Austin*, born Jan. 10, 1846, died March 12, 1846 ; (8) *Milan*, born Aug. 5, 1848.

3. CLARISSA, born Nov. 15, 1807, married, May 8, 1834, to Danforth K. Bangs, of Amherst. They have one daughter, Louisa, born Feb. 13, 1839, married, May 14, 1863, John A. Baker, who died Feb. 5, 1875.

4. ACIUSAH, born Sept. 24, 1809, married, Feb. 15, 1831, to Cyrus Kiug, of Amherst, by whom she had seven children: (1) *Woodbridge Adams*, born April 1, 1832, married Sophia Slate, July 4, 1852, two children: Henry Woodbridge, born Aug. 16, 1855, and Flora, born June 25, 1858; (2) *Clarissa Lucena*, born June 5, 1834, died March 26, 1841; (3) *Ebenezer Atwood*, born March 1, 1839, married Clara Hawley, April 11, 1860, two children: Hattie, born July 28, 1862; Frank Arthur, born April 30, 1869; (4) *Isaac*, born Sept. 12, 1841, married Mary Dickinson, Dec. 20, 1864, two children: Homer Cyrus, born Dec. 27, 1870, died Feb. 6, 1876, and Mary Adella, born Aug. 1, 1878; (5) *Edward Puynon*, born Dec. 28, 1843, married Emilyetta Dickinson, Aug. 3, 1869, two children: Carrie Isidore, born Aug. 26, 1871, and Edward Samuel, born Dec. 4, 1875; (6) *Chloe Ella*, born July 29, 1846; (7) *Clara Emma*, born Oct. 23, 1850.

5. SILAS WARD, born Sept. 26, 1811, married Dec. 29, 1835, Lucinda Blodgett, of Belchertown, who died Dec. 19, 1848. He married, Oct. 31, 1849,

Matilda Church, of Blandford. By his first wife he had four children: (1) *Willard*, born Oct. 1, 1838, died May 19, 1848; (2) *Jane*, born July 26, 1840, married Jan. 14, 1864, Levi Woods, of Leverett; (3) *Mary Ann*, born May 26, 1844, married April 17, 1864, Joseph Howard, of Shutesbury, by whom she had three children; he dying, she married again, Sept. 5, 1871, Orus Fitts,, of Leverett, by whom she has had four children; (4) *Ella*, born Sept. 18, 1846, married Jan. 1, 1863, John Church., of Blandford, by whom she had four children. She died Dec. 22, 1876. Silas Ward Adams, by his second wife had five children: (1) *Dwight Ward*, born Nov. 19, 1851, married July 21, 1876, Emma Taylor; (2) *Laura*, born August 4, 1853, married Aug. 3, 1873, Rufus Fitts, of Leverett, by whom she has had two children; (3) *Carrie*, born Oct. 23, 1855, married Aug. 3, 1873, William E. Roberts, of North Amherst, by whom she has had three children; (4) *Emma*, born Oct. 18, 1859, died Oct. 23, 1864; (5) *John*, born Nov. 10, 1861.

6. **NATHANIEL DICKINSON**, born July 5, 1813, married Dec. 1, 1836, Harriet Hastings, of East Amherst, who was born there May 15, 1816, and who bore him three children, whose names are given further on. He died Sept. 7, 1856.

7. **JOSEPH BAXTER**, born March 24, 1815, died Nov. 23, 1879. He married April 30, 1845, Silence

Hull, who bore him four children: (1) *Harriet*, born June 8, 1847, married April 17, 1873, Charles L. Loomis, of Florence; (2) *Myron*, born May 10, 1849, married April 18, 1877, Clara Allen, and lives in Williamsburg, Mass.; (3) *Lizzie*, born Jan. 3, 1852, married May 15, 1876, George Adams, of Springfield, now living in Chicago, two children, Esther, born Feb. 23, 1877, Grace, born May 30, 1879; (4) *Marie*, born June 10, 1860.

8. *LUCENA*, born Dec. 18, 1816, married May 6, 1836, Alden Field, of Leverett, to whom she bore one child, *Ralph*. She died May 11, 1837. Alden Field married again, and *Carrie Field* was born of this marriage.

9. *CAROLINE*, born July 24, 1818, married Jan. 1, 1840, Ebenezer Spear, of North Amherst, by whom she had four children: (1) *Asa Adams*, born Nov. 23, 1841, served as Lieutenant in the war; graduated at Amherst College in 1866, married Caroline A. Crocker, Nov. 3, 1870, and is now a lawyer in New York; (2) *George Porter*, born May 20, 1844, served in the war, married Pamelia A. Mayo, Oct. 22, 1865, and lives in North Amherst; (3) *Harriet Amelia*, born Jan. 10, 1846, died Feb. 9, 1849; (4) *Mary Joanna*, born Sept. 30, 1851; (5) *Sarah Louisa*, born June 8, 1853, married Chas. W. Conant, of Gardner, Mass., June 27, 1877.

10. WILLIAM, born Feb. 18, 1820, married Nov. 6, 1844, Mary Eastman Dickinson, born Oct. 30, 1823, daughter of Sophia (Hastings) Dickinson, who was a sister of Harriet Hastings, of Amherst. William Adams settled in North Hadley, (Russellville), became a prosperous farmer and a deacon in the Congregational church. He is remarkable for his adherence to principle, for example, never yielding to the temptation to raise tobacco, as did nearly every farmer in the Connecticut Valley. He is the father of three children: (1) *Corrilla Sophia*, born Nov. 22, 1848; (2) *George Herbert*, born Nov. 6, 1852, died Oct. 6, 1853; (3) *William Herbert*, born March 12, 1855, and now living with his father.

11. HARRIET ATWARD NEWELL, born Nov. 28, 1821, married, Oct. 28, 1852, Edmund Hobart, of North Amherst, by whom she had two children: (1) *Henry Ward*, born July 31, 1855, died Dec. 23, 1858; (2) *Frank Adams*, born Nov. 22, 1866. Mr. Hobart had been married once before, and his son by that marriage, Moses Montague Hobart, born March 26, 1846, was always accounted a cousin by the Adamses. He graduated from Amherst College in 1872, in the same class with Herbert B. Adams, and is now a successful lawyer in Cleveland, Ohio. He was Supervisor of the U. S. Census in Cleveland for the year 1880. His father is a deacon in the

Church at North Amherst and one of the most prosperous farmers in the whole region. A picture of his residence is given in the *History of the Connecticut Valley*, Vol I, opposite page 254. He was Selectman in 1873 and again in 1874.

12. ASA ADAMS, the third of that name, born June 25, 1824, married Jan. 7, 1855, Carrie Bingham, who bore him three children: (1) *Charles, Bingham*, born May 28, 1857, died April 4, 1874; (2) *Clara Emily*, born Nov. 1, 1860, died Sept. 8, 1865; (3) *Carrie Belle*, born Oct. 1, 1866. Asa Adams taught school in his early life, but finally settled in North Amherst, where he became a deacon in the church and a highly respected citizen. He was for several years one of the Assessors of the town of Amherst.

13. ISAAC, born June 25, 1826, died Nov. 6, 1848. He was something of a scholar and taught school a few terms.\*

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\* The dates in this record of the family of Asa Adams, Jr., were copied from the family Bible by "Uncle Sam," Clarissa Eastman's brother, who for some time was book-keeper of S. & N. Adams. He is said to have made some little alteration in the dates of the original record, which he thought wrong in a few cases, and, after preparing his copy, to have destroyed the original, a very improper thing to do. "Uncle Sam's" copy has now been lost sight of, but an exact transcript was made by William Adams, from whom the compiler obtained it, in a somewhat tattered condition. All the facts there recorded are here reproduced and very many others have been added thereto, so that the Adams genealogy is not likely to perish from the earth.

## VII. NATHANIEL DICKINSON ADAMS.

The name Nathaniel was borne by the first New England ancestor of the Dickinsons, who removed, in 1659, from Wethersfield, Connecticut, to Hadley, and by many of his descendants — all men of local celebrity—down to Revolutionary times. One of these was Nathaniel Dickinson, Esq., son of that Nathaniel Dickinson, whose father, Samuel, removed from Hadley to Shutesbury. He was a graduate, in 1771, of Harvard College, a delegate, in 1774, from Amherst to the first Provincial Congress, and afterwards a lawyer of great repute in Western Massachusetts. It was in honor of him that the subject of this sketch was named. The early and intimate connection between the Adams family on the one hand, and the Ward and Dickinson families on the other, has been already mentioned. Asa Adams, Jr., having remembered the Wards in naming his first son, was prepared to name his second in honor of "Squire Nat," as he was called.

The brothers, Bela U., and William Z. Dickinson, of Amherst, were life-long friends of Nathaniel Dickinson Adams, and have given the compiler many interesting facts concerning him. They, and his other familiar friends, were wont to call him "Dick." They speak of him as a man of genial and quiet ways, but of great energy and untiring industry. Indeed, the disease of which he died was

induced, as was generally believed, by overwork. He was associated in the lumber business for many years, with his brother, under the firm name of S. & N. Adams. Ward Adams superintended the mill and manufacturing department, while Dickinson Adams attended to the out-door work and to the finances of the concern. In his business relations he was prudent and far-seeing, and in all his dealings scrupulously honest and exact. He was highly respected by all who knew him, and deeply interested in public affairs. In 1851 he held the office of selectman in his native town. Though a democrat, he would have voted, doubtless, had he lived, for Fremont, in 1856. He joined, in his youth, the Second Congregational church of Amherst, in which he was a constant and devout worshipper, as was his father before him.

His chief ambition in life was to provide a liberal education for his children. He used to encourage them in their studies by offering rewards, but things won or done were never afterwards praised or spoken of by him. He only incited them, by new rewards, to new endeavors. He was fond of calling upon his boys to recount in the evening what they had learned or done during the day at school, and of making them declaim in the presence of the family, and of friends who chanced to be present. Though a kind husband and indulgent father, he was withal strict, and at

times severe. His children always stood somewhat in awe of him. If punished at school, they were sure of being repunished at home. His wife never called him Dick, but Dickinson, and he always called her Harriet. There was much of the Puritan in his character and composition. He stood up at family prayers, and religiously kept Saturday night. He was reserved with strangers, but given to hospitality and fond of social intercourse. He was plain, sometimes blunt, of speech, and intolerant of deceit and everything narrow and low. In a word, he was an honest, upright, God-fearing man. He died at the age of 44, in the prime of his manhood and usefulness, and his pastor, the Rev. Charles L. Woodworth, preached a memorial sermon in the parish church from the text:—“What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter.” \*

The children of Nathaniel Dickinson Adams by Harriet Hastings his wife are as follows:

1. CHARLES DICKINSON, born in Shutesbury, October 11, 1839, educated at the Amherst Academy, at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass., class of 1859, and at Amherst College, class of 1863. Principal of the Amherst High School, Winter term, 1862-3; Instructor of the Middle Classical Class at Williston Seminary, Fall term 1863; Grad-

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\* John, XIII., 7.

uate of the Columbia College Law School, 1864; Lawyer in the City of New York, firm of Rodman & Adams.

He married, August 14, 1873 at Clinton, N. Y., Mary Clark Wood, born in Utica, N. Y., March 15, 1841. They have two children: (1) *Georgiana Wood*, born Sept. 29, 1874; (2) *Mason Tyler*, born May 18, 1877.

2. HENRY MARTYN, born in Shutesbury, May 8, 1844, educated at Amherst Academy, Williston Seminary (English Department), Troy Polytechnic Institute, and at West Point. His "military history," which follows, is taken from Cullum's Register of Graduates, U. S. Military Academy:

"Appointed from Massachusetts. Class rank 1. Cadet at the United States Military Academy from July 1, 1862, to June 18, 1866, when he was graduated and promoted in the Army to Second Lieutenant Corps of Engineers, June 18, 1866; First Lieut. Corps of Engineers July 10, 1866; Served with Engineer Company at West Point, N. Y., Oct. 1, 1866 to Sept. 2, 1867. Served at the Military Academy as Assistant Professor of Engineering Aug. 31, 1867, to Aug. 28, 1869; as Assistant Engineer of Repairs of Forts Jackson and St. Philip, La., Improvement of the Mouth of the Mississippi, and of Galveston Harbor and Bar, Texas, and Surveys for River and Harbor works in Missis-

sippi, Louisiana and Texas, Sept. 1, 1869 to June 1, 1874; on Survey of the Northern Lakes and the Mississippi River (Captain, Corps of Engineers, Sept. 2, 1874) June 6, 1874, to Dec. 31, 1878 (in charge May 10, 1877 to June 25, 1878); since Jan. 2, 1879, in charge of the Fourth and Fifth divisions in the Office of the Chief of Engineers."

He married, Oct. 28, 1875, at Detroit, Mich., Fanny Louisa Maguire, born July 17, 1850, in Nashville, Tenn. They now live in Washington, D. C., and have two children: (1) *Herbert*, born in Detroit, Mich., Aug. 13, 1876; (2) *Edward Maguire*, born in Detroit, Mich., Oct. 22, 1877.

3. HERBERT BAXTER, born in Shutesbury, April 1, 1850, educated in the Public Schools of Amherst at Phillips Academy, Exeter, N. H., class of 1868, and at Amherst College, class of 1872. Instructor of the Middle Classical Class at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass., 1872-3; Student of History and Political Science at Lausanne, Heidelberg, and Berlin, 1873-76; Ph. D., Heidelberg, 1876; Fellow in History at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, 1876-78; Associate Professor in History, 1878-80; Lecturer on History at Smith College, Northampton, Mass., 1878-80.

## PART II.

### THE THOMAS HASTINGS FAMILY, OF AMHERST.

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THE history of the Hastings family has been definitely traced through all its American branches and back through English stock to its parent Danish stem. Freeman, the English historian, says there are only five families in England that can really trace their lineage back of the time of Edward III. (1327-1377), and the Hastings family is one of these. Many English people fancy they can trace their descent from the Normans, but Hastings is a name older than the Norman Conquest (1066), for the castle and seaport of Hastings were held by that

family when William the Conqueror landed in England. The region of the battle of Hastings was in the possession of the family before the Normans had settled in Gaul (911), for, as early as the time of Alfred (871-901), we hear of a Danish pirate by the name of Hasting who made himself formidable to the Saxons by occupying with his followers a portion of Sussex.

The first of the family who was elevated to the peerage was Henry, Lord Hastings, son of William de Hastings, Steward of Henry II., (1154-1189). The Hastings coat of arms, containing a maunch (sleeve) shows that the office of steward was hereditary in the family. The Hastings became allied to the royal families of England and Scotland, and were allowed to wear the arms of those countries and also of France, as one of the heirs of Plantagenet by marriage with the Princess Ida. George, the third Lord Hastings, was created Earl of Huntingdon in 1529, and married the daughter of David, King of Scotland. The family of Hastings has enjoyed nineteen peerages, but only two or three now exist, and for these scarcely an heir survives. The estates of the late Marquis of Hastings reverted to the crown, for his line was wholly extinct. The family is Roman Catholic and bears an implacable animosity towards Queen Victoria, on account of some alleged ill-treatment.

The American descendants of the Hastings family are so very numerous that the possessions of their English cousins, wealthy though they are, would not make any of us rich, if once distributed. But English real estate can never pass into the hands of aliens, so there is little to expect. The connection between the English and American families is this: Sir Henry and George Hastings, grandsons of the first Earl of Huntingdon, had sons who became Puritans and fled to New England. "As early as 1634, we find Thomas Hastings and wife had arrived on this shore; and in 1638, John and family had followed. That they were brothers was a tradition of the family; but it has not been clearly shown, and it is more probable that they were cousins, Thomas being descended from a younger brother of [Sir Henry] the Earl of Huntingdon.

"The Hastings coat of arms was as follows:—Ermine on a Chief Azure (*blue*), two mallets Or (*gold*).—Crest, one star Or (*gold*),—known by the name of Hastings. The motto of the Lords Hastings was: *In veritate victoria*, (In truth there is victory)."

The above and many of the following facts were taken from a book called "The Hastings Memorial," A Genealogical Account of the Descendants of Thomas Hastings of Watertown, Mass., from 1634 to 1864," a work which was compiled a few years

ago by Lydia Nelson (Hastings) Buckminster, of Framingham, and published in 1866, by Samuel G. Drake of Boston. Copies of this valuable work which shows the connection between the Hastings of this country with their English Ancestry are now generally distributed among American branches of the family. There is also an account in Judd's "History of Hadley" of the Hastings who have lived in Western Massachusetts. It is not my purpose to reprint either of these accounts in full, but simply to collect the scattered facts concerning the immediate ancestors of Lieut. Thomas Hastings of Amherst, the fourth of that name in direct descent from the Thomas Hastings above mentioned, who came to this country from England. I have revised and supplemented existing accounts by personal inquiries and by consultation of the family records.

#### I. DEA. THOMAS HASTINGS, of Watertown.

Embarked at the age of 29 with his wife Susanna, aged 34, from Ipswich, England, April 10, 1634, in the "Elizabeth," William Andrews, master, for New England, and settled in Watertown, Mass., where he was admitted freeman, May 6, 1635. He "laid down" a lot in Dedham, but never lived there. He was Selectman of Watertown from 1638, to 1643, and again from 1650 to 1671; town clerk, 1671, '77, '80; representative, 1673; and he long held the office

of deacon. His wife Susanna, died childless, Feb. 2, 1650, and he married (2), April, 1651, Margaret Cheney, of Roxbury, who bore her husband eight children. He died in 1685, aged eighty years. According to an inventory, dated Sept. 9, 1685, his real estate amounted to £421. He owned two farms and as many as fifteen other lots. He was grantee for seven lots, the remainder he purchased. The west side of School Street, then called Hill Street, was always his residence. The homestead passed to his son Samuel. To his oldest son Thomas, who received a professional education, he gave only £5, in his will, saying: "I have been at great expense to bring him up a scholar, and I have given him above three score pounds to begin the world with."

## II. DR. THOMAS HASTINGS, of Hatfield.

Born in Watertown, 1652, and removed to Hatfield, Mass., where he was admitted freeman, Feb. 8, 1678. He was the only physician for Northampton, Hadley, Hatfield, Deerfield, and the whole country around. He was also the first school teacher Hatfield ever had. According to Temple's "History of Whately," page 20, "It was not uncommon to unite the professions of physician and teacher in the same person, and, as the grandmothers were mainly relied upon for prescriptions and poultices, he [Dr. Hastings] seems to have found sufficient time for

the discharge of duty in the double capacity." It is a remarkable fact, in regard to this school taught by Dr. Hastings, that girls were admitted from the outset and pursued the same studies as the boys, remarkable because such liberality was unknown elsewhere in New England until after the Revolution. In Boston girls were not admitted to the public schools until 1789 (see Boston School Report, 1866, page 28); in Northampton, not until 1802 (see Judd's History of Hadley, page 65). In view of these facts, there seems to be a certain historic fitness that a Hatfield woman should found the first woman's college in New England, (Smith College, at Northampton). Dr. Hastings' son Thomas also taught School in Hatfield. The Doctor had nine children, six by his first wife, Anna Hawks, of Hadley, who died Oct. 25, 1705, and three by his second wife, Mary Burt, of Northampton. He died April 13, 1734.

### III. DR. THOMAS HASTINGS, JR., of Hatfield.

Born Sept. 24, 1679, married, March 6, 1701, Mary Field, of Hadley, by whom he had twelve children. His two oldest sons bore each the name of Thomas, but both died. A third son was called Waitstill and became a physician like his father, and handed down the family title to his grandson, Dr. John Hastings. There is a tradition that the town

of Hatsfield, from its first settlement, was never without a Dr. Hastings. Dr. Thomas Hastings, Jr., was much sought after for his professional services. Indeed, he was often called upon to attend patients in Boston. On one of these visits to Boston, he was suddenly taken ill, and, as tradition says, thought he was the victim of slow poison. He lived to reach home, told his wife of his impression, and that he should soon die; as he did, April 14, 1728, in his 49th year.

#### IV. LIEUT. THOMAS HASTINGS, of Amherst.

Like Thomas Adams he was the fourth in descent from the first settler bearing his name. He was the youngest son of Dr. Thomas Hastings, Jr., and the third of that name in a single family. He was born Jan. 28, 1721, married in 1742, Mary Belden, of Hatsfield. They removed to Amherst about 1753. He was a farmer and a lieutenant in the militia. He lived on the South Road, near the place of the late Frederick Williams, and died Jan. 22, 1787, aged 66. His widow died July 31, 1801, aged 79. They had thirteen children.

#### V. THOMAS HASTINGS, of Amherst.

He was the oldest son of Lieut. Hastings; born May 20, 1746; married 1769, Hannah Billings, born Feb. 20, 1749, daughter of Deacon John Billings, of

Amherst. They lived on the old place. He died Jan. 22, 1827, aged 81; she died Oct. 5, 1823. They had eleven children: (1) SALOME, born July 22, 1770, married Asa Dickinson, of Amherst, a farmer. She died Sept. 6, 1846; (2) JERUSHA, born Aug. 8, 1772, married Luke Rich, of Amherst, a farmer. She died April 8, 1842, in the 70th year of her age; (3) HANNAH, born Nov. 10, 1774, died Sept. 15, 1777; (4) SUBMIT, born May 13, 1777, married Clark Green, of Amherst, father of Moses B. Green, who graduated from Amherst College. She lived to be about 90 years old; (5) HANNAH, born Jan. 15, 1780, married Martin Kellogg, father of Stillman Kellogg, of Hadley. She died May 4, 1871, aged 91; (6) THOMAS, (see below, VI); (7) ELI, born June 1, 1784, married Sarah Paine, of Amherst. He was a farmer, and removed to Chardon, Ohio, where he died March 20, 1835. He had three children: *George*, *Nancy*, and *Edwin*; (8) JUDITH, born Oct. 1 1786, married George Nutting, and now lives alternately with her daughters, Mrs. George Whipple and Mrs. Baxter Bridgman, at the advanced age of 94, and with her faculties in a remarkable state of preservation; (9) MARY, born Oct. 27, 1788, married Samuel Smith, of Amherst. They removed West; (10) LUCIUS, born Oct. 13, 1791, married, March, 1810, Olive Smith, of Amherst, and died Sept. 25, 1823. He left six

children; (11) DAVID, born April 15, 1795, died Aug. 17, 1796.

#### VI. THOMAS HASTINGS, of Amherst.

Oldest son of Thomas Hastings and Hannah Billings (V). He was born Feb. 6, 1782, and married, Nov. 1, 1803, Eunice Clark, born March 26, 1785, sister of Capt. Clark, of Mill Valley. They had thirteen children, and lived on the place now occupied by Edmund Hastings. "Uncle Tom," as he was called, was a farmer, but a man of considerable genius and fond of writing verses. He died Oct. 11, 1858, aged 76. His widow died Aug. 11, 1873, aged 88. Their children and grandchildren are as follows:

1. SOPHIA, born Feb., 1, 1805, married (1) Asa Dickinson, May 12, 1822, by whom she had one daughter, Mary, who married William Adams (see Adams Family, VI, 10), and (2) Erastus Smith. She died July 13, 1852.
2. MARY, born Sept. 28, 1807, died October 8, 1808.
3. MARY, born Feb. 17, 1809, died Feb. 16, 1811.
4. LUCY, born March 3, 1811, died June 15, 1812.
5. THOMAS, born Oct. 12, 1812, removed to Maryland, married, Feb. 2, 1837, Corrilla Shipley, of Ellicott's Mills, and died Sept. 10, 1837, aged 25.

6. JAMES, born Oct. 16, 1813, married, April 7, 1841, Clarissa Pease, of Amherst. No children living.

7. HENRY, born Nov. 11, 1814, died Sept. 28, 1815.

8. HARRIET, born May 15, 1816, married, Dec. 1, 1836, Nathaniel Dickinson Adams, of Shutesbury, by whom she had three children (see Adams Family, VI, 6). After the death of her husband, she removed (1857) to East Amherst, where she now lives.

9. HENRY, born May 1, 1818, married (1) Sarah Pomeroy, June 2, 1840, who bore him three children. She died Sept. 21, 1849. He married (2) Mrs. Esther (Billings) Dickinson, June 10, 1851, who bore him three children. He now lives in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. His children are as follows: (1) *Harriet E.*, born May 8, 1841, married George A. Badger, Dec., 1859; (2) *Emily P.*, born June 11, 1845, died December 15, 1845; (3) *Thomas II.*, born Dec. 11, 1846, married (1) Ellen Jane Dickinson, of Providence, R. I., Dec. 14, 1870, who bore him two children, (1) Bertha Cora, born Oct. 31, 1872, (2) Hattie Belle, born Nov. 25, 1874, died Dec. 13, 1875. His first wife died July 6, 1875. Thomas Hastings married (2) Lucia Smith, of North Amherst, May 10, 1876; (4) *Cora*

*Billings*, born Sept. 18, 1852, married Charles Irving Plumb, of Fond du Lac, March 22, 1871; (5) *George F.*, born Jan. 1, 1857; married, Dec. 24, 1879, Emma Matthews, of Fond du Lac; (6) *Charles L.*, born Oct. 30, 1858.

10. WILLIAM, born April 18, 1820, married (1) Roxanna Goodman, of South Hadley, May 10, 1843. She died April 27, 1853. He married (2) Mrs. Kate (Crossett) Wheeler, of Prescott, Oct. 1, 1854, who bore him four children: (1) *Alice Madora*, born June 10, 1855, died September 23, 1856; (2) *Ella Maria*, born Oct. 18, 1857, died Feb. 18, 1858; (3) *Jennie Crossett*, born Oct. 22, 1861; (4) *William Clark*, born June 23, 1865.

11. EDMUND, born March 4, 1822, married Mi-  
nerva Lee, of Conway, May 23, 1849, who bore him  
five children: (1) *Emma Adelia*, born Oct. 25,  
1851, married William A. Webster, Sept. 1, 1875,  
by whom she had one child, Walter. She died Oct.  
16, 1878; (2) *Mary Luella*, born Feb. 29, 1856;  
(3) *Esther Munsell*, born April 25, 1860; (4) *Abbie  
Maria*, born Dec. 2, 1864; (5) *Walter Lee*, born  
May 15, 1868, died May 26, 1872.

12. LUCY, born Nov. 27, 1823, married David  
H. Fiske, of Ludlow, died May 20, 1847, in the  
twenty-fourth year of her age. No children living.

13. PHILOMELA, born Jan. 10, 1828, married  
Charles C. Moore, of California, Sept. 26, 1873.



